

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
February 20, 2003
2:00PM
Room 433, Blatt Building

Members Present: Mr. Staton, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Daniel, Senator Fair, Senator Giese, Mrs. Hoag, Mr. Lightsey, Mrs. Marlowe, Mr. Stowe, Superintendent Tenenbaum, Mr. Wilson

Inactive Member: Mr. Hall

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Staton welcomed members and guests to the meeting. He informed members that Wallace Hall is on active military duty. He congratulated Mrs. Cooper on the birth of her son.

II. **Minutes of the January 16 Meeting**

The minutes of the January 16 meeting were approved as distributed.

III. **Subcommittee Reports**

- A. **EIA and Improvement Mechanisms:** Mr. Daniel reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. He presented the data from the First Year Report on the Evaluation of the Child Development Program. The two-year study is now in the observation and interview stage. A final report is expected this summer. He shared the Subcommittee's concern that services for young children are dispersed across several agencies and there is opportunity for both gaps and overlaps.

Mr. Daniel presented the draft financial models. These models have been developed in response to questions raised at the July 2002 meeting. The models are to be made available for professional comment and refinement through May 2003 and developed further for the July 2003 meeting.

- B. **Academic Standards and Assessments:** Mr. Wilson reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. He reviewed the proposal for the calculation of the high school ratings and the structure of the weightings. He also provided information on potential changes should the US Department of Education not support the formula proposed by South Carolina. The proposal was approved.

Mr. Wilson presented the recommendations on the calculation of the improvement rating. The recommendations were approved as presented.

- C. **Parental Involvement:** Mrs. Marlowe reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. She reviewed the detailed analysis of parental responses to the report card survey, noting that there was a strong opportunity to improve and extend parent-teacher-school relationships. She outlined the next steps to be used by the Subcommittee. These include focus groups with administrators on the skills and tools they need for data analysis and use of the data at their schools.

- D. Public Awareness: Mr. Martin introduced Dr. Frank Brown for the discussion of the teacher survey data. Dr. Brown addressed the committee, highlighting key issues. The report is published in the winter 2003 *Learning Matters*.
- E. Administration: Mr. Staton called members' attention to the February 1 report from the Division of Accountability.

IV. **Ad Hoc Committee on No Child Left Behind**

Mr. Lightsey complimented the SDE staff on their work in developing the preliminary submission. He reviewed the substantive issues and asked for approval. Superintendent Tenenbaum thanked the EOC for the thorough review and indicated she would respond to the issues at the March EOC meeting. The comments were approved.

V. **Remarks from a Key Constituency**

Dr. Cherry Daniel, Director of Adult and Community Education at the State Department of Education addressed the EOC. She outlined participation, accomplishments and challenges in the adult education programs.

VI. **General Discussion**

Mr. Staton announced that there would be a March EOC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.